

Covid 19 Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

July 16, 2020

- **Approve meeting minutes**
- **Chair updates**
- **Survey Results/Brian's stats, comments, questions:**
- **Quarantine Guidelines/CDC/Clark County**
- **Covid 19 Airborne? Fresh Air in Buildings? Preschool/Phoenix?**
- **Set next agenda/meeting date:**

COVID Task Force Minutes

7/16 Thursday

27 new questions to be answered on q&a website

FEMA call yesterday trying to answer questions

Sending request to board for thermal imaging cameras 800k for all buildings, scaling back to lower cost

FEMA said paying for the cameras will be an uphill battle because no other districts have asked for them but it is a possibility

FEMA wouldn't guarantee any specific requests.

FEMA would not also guarantee reimbursement for chromebook purchases, said uphill battle. Used CARES money, but hoping that FEMA will reimburse to free up more money.

FEMA 75% reimbursement

Principals may need to order more paper, cleaning supplies, etc. now because FEMA is looking at increases over last year. Need to have the correct verbiage for them to reimburse. Includes additional personnel or additional hours for current personnel.

Stump has been contacted by people that are setting up private schools

Board has not fully decided what our model will be when we open. Stump believes that if Fayette Co. goes full distance learning then Clark Co. would follow suit.

Board said they would like to see what other districts are doing before they make final decision.

Parent survey results - schools are calling the 1800 families that didn't respond. That data will be entered into the database.

Stump shared with whole committee the feedback that staff didn't feel like they were able to voice their concerns. Not everyone on the committee agreed. There may be a follow-up survey for both staff and parents. No specific direction about doing it yet. Mr. Christy didn't note staff concerns at the board when he reported staff feedback.

Need to be conscientious about the degree that we are surveying people so they don't get overwhelmed with surveys. Principals are welcome to survey their staff.

Foudray said the way the survey was worded it resulted in the district getting the answers they wanted to hear by 99%. It isn't an accurate reflection of how the staff feel. Need to ask the people in the classrooms how they feel about going into a high risk situation based on CDC guidelines. Stump said the board is leaning toward listening to the concerns.

Stump not comfortable with the stance on sick days and feels like it needs to be revisited and not treated the same as other reasons staff needs extended time off due to COVID hospitalization. Teachers shouldn't have to pay for an additional disability plan.

FEMA will reimburse up to 5% of total claims

Foudray- 20% of staff don't want to go back into the classroom at all, people are commenting 'I don't want to die' but they are afraid to say that for fear of losing their job

Stump noted Main task force meeting no one considered nontenured teachers being afraid of answering 'no' to returning. Our results do not reflect the reality.

Reach out to other districts to see how they surveyed their staff. It's not just immediate family that people are concerned with.

Direction to principals is to expect all teachers to come back to work except for specific reasons. Haven't worked out what those reasons are beyond medical exemptions. Sharrock said she needs a true reading of her staff.

Quarantine guidelines - nowhere in CDC does it state 72 hours with no symptoms. Where did it come from? Mr. Christy states it at the board meeting. Not consistent across health departments across the state, KDE, and CDC. Our health dept. stated the 72 hours in a call. We do not have it in writing but it is on our q&a website. Board will have to weigh in on it.

Do we need a separate COVID policy and procedural document or fit into current policies.

Scarlett said that we couldn't force a COVID test. Mr. Christy said he could not force staff or students to take a COVID test. Need to check the federal documents on whether it can be required.

Stump says we can't force kids to wear a mask. Is it a recommendation or best practice or is it an enforceable policy?

KSBA document that is coming out should address it.

What about the vaccine when it comes out? Can we require it?

COVID is airborne and air quality is a factor to be taken into consideration to minimize the spread. High school is top notch in air handling and fresh air exchange. Are ordering new filters that will be changed more frequently. Same units at Strode, Baker, Sherer, Conkright.

Phoenix does have 25 heat pumps on roof; will buy updated filters. Preschool is greatest concern. Purchased new window air conditioners for the building. No filtration in cafeteria at preschool.

Can doors and windows be open without going against safe schools requirements? Looking it at the state level to change or temporarily waive regulations. If we get the scanner system it might increase security and help keep windows and doors open.

Keep sending questions and information to Mr. Stump.

Task force needs to be a board agenda item every week so people can go to meeting and sign into talk

Full task force will be traveling to schools Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week.